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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:MASS, SA, US

SUBJECT:REPLACEMENT FOR COLONEL MORT

REFS: A. JIDDA 1022; B. STATE 230811 (OCT 74)

FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS FROM DOD DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS.

1. QUOTE: I CAN APPRECIATE THE PRESSURE YOU ARE RECEIVING FROM HRH PRINCE ABDULLAH AND CAN ALSO UNDERSTAND THE CLOSE FEELINGS AND ATTACHMENT THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE FOR COLONEL MORT. HOWEVER, AS YOU WILL REMEMBER, WE DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM IN OCTOBER 1974 AND THE DECISION WAS MADE AT THAT TIME FOR COLONEL MORT TO BE REPLACED BY COLONEL RICHARD LAWRENCE. THE ARMY DEFINITELY PLANS TO RETIRE COLONEL MORT ON 30 JUNE 1975.

2. I AM SURE THAT PRINCE ABDULLAH WILL BE DELIGHTED WITH THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED TO REPLACE COLONEL MORT.

3. PLEASE GIVE PRINCE ABDULLAH MY ASSURANCE THAT COLONEL LAWRENCE HAS BEEN SELECTED WITH GREAT CARE AND THAT THE HIGH STANDARDS COLONEL MORT HAS SET WILL BE MAINTAINED. UNQUOTE.

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